

WYCOMBE LOSE 9- GOAL CUP FIGHT

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE Wanderers and Barnet provided thrills galore for their fans in the F.A. Cup Fourth Qualifying round match this afternoon. Three goals were scored in the first four minutes and the teams shared six at half-time. Barnet won 6-3.

Barnet: Goymer; Covington, Voyce; Picking, Warman, Casey; Drake, Brimacombe, Figg, Harding, Finch.

Wycombe Wanderers: Syrett; Lewis, Pullin; Thomas, Roystone, Gale; Worley, Beck, Bassett, Horseman, Hodges.

Referee: Mr L H Holland (Woking)

Wycombe Wanderers had a morale booster with hundreds of their fans making the trip.

Paul Hodges passed a late fitness test and was included in the side.

Wycombe made a magnificent start and in the second minute WORLEY smashed in a pass from Beck. In the next minute BASSETT took a Worley corner and headed into the net.

Almost from the kick-off CASEY moved up field and his attempted pass went past Syrett and into the net.

In those nervous opening minutes with three goals scored many more looked like coming as Barnet fought back.

Syrett twice had to dive and save from nasty situations and Barnet came more into the picture. But after 21 minutes Wycombe went further ahead.

THE EQUALISER

Worley danced round Voyce and Warman could only help the ball into his own net. But in the 27th minute a mistake between Royston and Lewis let in BIGG to make the score 3-2. Horseman almost replied for Wycombe but his snap header went just wide.

Almost on the stroke of half-time Pullin gave away a free kick and from it BRIMACOMBE hammered home the equaliser.

Half - time: Barnet 3, Wycombe Wanderers 3.

After 52 minutes Barnet went ahead for the first time. Syrett brilliantly pushed out a Brimacombe shot but the ball ran loose. Another shot hit the bar and from the rebound DRAKE shot past a crowd into the net.

Syrett was in sparkling form and finger-tipped a header over the bar. He was, however, unable to prevent Barnet going further ahead when after 70

minutes FIGG went through the middle unattended to shoot home the fourth goal.

A foul by Royston led to FIGG completing his hat-trick.

RESULT:

BARNET 6
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 3

2-UP WYCOMBE FLOP

Barnet 6 Wycombe 3

THREE goals in the first four minutes set the pace for a rousing game between Isthmian League rivals in the F.A. Cup.

After only three minutes a shaky Barnet found themselves two goals down.

First, right winger Worley fastened on to a weak back pass by left-back Voyce to put Wycombe ahead. Then Worley provided a well-placed corner kick for centre forward Bassett to head in.

Within a minute Barnet replied. Left half Casey, the Welsh amateur international, raced up with the attack and, from right half Picking's pass, swept the ball in from close range.

Worley again made Wycombe's third goal, after 20 minutes. Beating Voyce cleverly, he crossed the ball hard and centre-half Warman diverted it into his own net.

Barnet, unbeaten in 14 games

this season, were level at half-time. In the 26th minute right back Lewis let centre forward Figg through to score easily; and right on the break Brimacombe netted from a free-kick taken by Drake.

An improved Barnet soon took command after the interval, and Wycombe had several narrow escapes before Drake put Barnet ahead for the first time after 52 minutes, with a hard, swerving shot.

Figg, Barnet's hardest-working forward, scored the final two goals.

In the 70th minute he rounded centre half Roystone before sending goalkeeper Syrett the wrong way; and two minutes later he scored with a tremendous shot after Picking had pushed the ball to him from a free-kick.

Wycombe made only rare attacks in the second half, when their best effort was a header from Bassett which Goymer saved on the line.